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Retzow Airfield

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On 1 July 1954, Retzow airfield was not occupied or guarded. There was no concrete runway but the middle section of the landing field had apparently been rolled. Many fresh trails of motor vehicles were observed around the field. From this it was inferred that the field had recently been occupied. A cantonment with a capacity of about 200 men was located at the northern edge of the field, south of Retzow. Some of the temporary buildings probably were new and the old buildings had apparently been tarred. Trucks loaded with beds and 2 air force soldiers was observed in Retzow, proceeding in the direction of the cantonment. No radio installations were seen at the field. Although new off-limits signs were placed at the field borders, several motor vehicles of neighboring property owners crossed over the landing field.

Comment. During the first half of June 1954, Retzow airfield was temporarily occupied by about 20 MiG-15s probably assigned to a fighter regiment in Laerz. According to rumors which appear to be credible, the field was to be re-occupied after 1 July 1954. It is believed that aircraft of the regiment in Parchim will be detached to Retzow auxiliary airfield for test flights with MiG-15s.

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